



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2007 and 2008

HB5038

by Rep. Marlow H. Colvin

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/1C-2

Amends the School Code. With respect to the Early Childhood Education Block Grant, provides that not less than 11% (instead of exactly 11%) of the grant shall be used to fund programs for children ages 0-3. Provides that this percentage shall increase to at least 20% by Fiscal Year 2014, except that if, in a given fiscal year, the amount appropriated for the Early Childhood Education Block Grant is insufficient to increase the percentage of the grant to fund programs for children ages 0-3 without reducing the amount of the grant for existing providers of preschool education programs, then the percentage of the grant to fund programs for children ages 0-3 may be held steady instead of increased. Effective July 1, 2008.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 1C-2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/1C-2)

7 Sec. 1C-2. Block grants.

8 (a) For fiscal year 1999, and each fiscal year thereafter,  
9 the State Board of Education shall award to school districts  
10 block grants as described in subsections (b) and (c). The State  
11 Board of Education may adopt rules and regulations necessary to  
12 implement this Section. In accordance with Section 2-3.32, all  
13 state block grants are subject to an audit. Therefore, block  
14 grant receipts and block grant expenditures shall be recorded  
15 to the appropriate fund code.

16 (b) A Professional Development Block Grant shall be created  
17 by combining the existing School Improvement Block Grant and  
18 the REI Initiative. These funds shall be distributed to school  
19 districts based on the number of full-time certified  
20 instructional staff employed in the district.

21 (c) An Early Childhood Education Block Grant shall be  
22 created by combining the following programs: Preschool  
23 Education, Parental Training and Prevention Initiative. These

1 funds shall be distributed to school districts and other  
2 entities on a competitive basis. Not less than 11% ~~Eleven~~  
3 ~~percent~~ of this grant shall be used to fund programs for  
4 children ages 0-3, which percentage shall increase to at least  
5 20% by Fiscal Year 2014. However, if, in a given fiscal year,  
6 the amount appropriated for the Early Childhood Education Block  
7 Grant is insufficient to increase the percentage of the grant  
8 to fund programs for children ages 0-3 without reducing the  
9 amount of the grant for existing providers of preschool  
10 education programs, then the percentage of the grant to fund  
11 programs for children ages 0-3 may be held steady instead of  
12 increased.

13 (Source: P.A. 93-396, eff. 7-29-03.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
15 2008.